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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PGOV, CB

SUBJECT: TEACHER-STUDENT ACTIVITIES

REF: PHNOM PENH 3484

1. THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, IN A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT ACCOUNT THAN THAT GIVEN BY KUOCH KY LENG (REFTEL), HAS INFORMED US THAT THE ASSOCIATION'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN ITS MAR 8 MEETING DECIDED THE FOLLOWING: (A) TO SEEK AUTHORIZATION FROM THE EDUCATION MINISTRY TO HOLD AN "EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY" OF TEACHERS; (NO DATE WAS SET FOR THIS) (B) TO APPEAL TO THE TEACHER MEMEBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION TO "SOFTEN THEIR POSITION" ON THE STRIKE AT LEAST UNTIL THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS MET AND REVIEWED THE SITUATION; (C) TO OBTAIN FROM THE EDUCATION MINISTRY A FULL EXPLANATION AND CLARIFICATION OF THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GKR TO ASSIST THE TEACHERS (THEY PARTICULARLY WANT TO KNOW THE DISPOSITION OF THE 100 MILLION RIELS TO BE ALLOTTED BY THE GKR FOR THE FORMATION OF A TEACHERS CO-OPERATIVE, PREFERRING THAT THE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION RATHER THAN

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2. THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE TEACHERS WILL GO BACK ON STRIKE MARCH 11 THUS WAS APPARENTLY NOT DIRECTLY ADDRESSED BY THE MEETING. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE TEACHERS OF PHNOM PENH'S LARGEST LYCEE, WHICH INCLUDE SOME OF THE MORE RADICAL STRIKE LEADERS, WILL IN FACT BE ON THE JOB ON THAT DATE.

3. THE STUDENTS, QUIESCENT FOR SOMETIME NOW, SEEM TO BE BECOMING MORE ACTIVE. WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT RADICAL UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADER LOCH SOEUN IS ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE A STRONGLY ANTI-GKR AND ANTI-US DEMONSTRATION MAR 17 TO INCLUDE

A MASS MARCH TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND THE EMBASSY. IF THIS AFFAIR DOES NOT COME OFF, THEY MAY ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT THEPRO-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 18.

4. THE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDNET ASSOCIATION IS STIRRING AS WELL. ITS PREVIOUSLY DIVIDED LEADERSHIP HAS NOW APPARENTLY COME TO AN AGREEMENT, AND THE ASSOCIATION RECENTLY ISSUED A DECLARATION AFFIRMING ITS DETERMINATION TO "FOLLOW THE PATH CREAMED BY THE YOUTH CONGRESS OF MAR 20, 1972" AND TO PRESS THE STUDENT CAUSE BEFORE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL OPINION IF THE GKR IS NOT MORE FORTHCOMING.  
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